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Nabb Research Center Welcomes 250 to SU Campus for MGS Seminar— Heritage Tourism at Its Best

The Nabb Research Center and the Lower Delmarva Genealogical Society recently welcomed the Maryland Genealogical Society (MGS) seminar "Tracing Your Delmarva Ancestors" to the Salisbury University campus. This two day conference offered a wide range of speakers and events for those interested in Delmarva history. Some of the highlights of the seminar included speakers Dr. Kenneth Carroll, author of *Early Quakers on Delmarva* and Dr. Peter Craig, author of *Swedes from New Sweden.* Other presenters included were Nabb Research Center Director Becky Miller and SU History Professors Dr. Ray Thompson, Dr. Clara Small and Dr. Bart Talbert. Dr. Talbert, who spoke on the role of Maryland in the Civil War, was the keynote speaker for the Friday evening banquet. This event marked the first time the MGS brought its annual seminar to the Eastern Shore. Researchers from California, Minnesota, Washington, Florida and Texas were among the throng seeking information about the Shore. Many of the attendees made time to visit the Nabb Research Center while in Salisbury. With the conference attendees and the usual influx of SU history students, the Nabb Research Center boasted record attendance in September 2002.

The MGS Seminar banquet was held in the Bistro Dining Room in the Salisbury University Commons

Native American Basketweaving Workshops at the Nabb Research Center

In honor of Native American History Month, the Nabb Research Center is pleased to offer two basketweaving workshops in November. These sessions, taught by Chief Dawn Manyfeathers of Eden, Maryland, are on Monday, November 18, 2002, from 1-3:30 p.m. and from 5-7:30 p.m. Chief Manyfeathers is the Director of the Lenapehauken Educational and Research Center, a nonprofit organization dedicated to educating Eastern Shore communities about Eastern Woodland Indians. During the workshops to be held in the Nabb Research Center's new conference room, attendees will make a traditional Native American coil basket using pine needles. No experience is needed - Chief Manyfeathers promises that anyone can learn to make these beautiful baskets. The cost of the workshop is $20 per person and includes all materials and supplies. SU students and Nabb Research Center members may attend the workshop at the discounted rate of $15 per person. To allow for hands-on instruction, class size will be limited to 12-15 persons. Please contact the Nabb Research Center at 410-543-6312 to reserve your space.

Chief Dawn Manyfeathers of the Lenapehauken Educational and Research Center

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Nabb Research Center News

On September 28, the staff of the Nabb Research Center spent a beautiful Saturday afternoon hosting a booth at the Pemberton Colonial Fair. This fall fair is held each year on the grounds of Pemberton Historical Park, and the proceeds from the event are used for the preservation and upkeep of the eighteenth century house, Pemberton Hall. In addition to hosting a booth, the Nabb Research Center staff provided historical maps to accompany the tour in the house. Nabb Research Center staff and volunteers also mounted an extensive display in the Wicomico Historical Society tobacco barn. This display titled, "The Changing Landscape at Tony Tank Creek," traces the history of Tony Tank from Indian town to mill to premier housing development. Anyone interested in viewing the display should contact the Wicomico County Historical Society at 410-860-0447.

The Nabb Research Center hosted a lecture by Maryland Humanities Council Speaker Bureau member Dr. Thomas Clemens on October 3. Clemens' presentation examined the effects of the Maryland Campaign of 1862 on the outcome of the Civil War. The lecture was attended by over 120 community members and students. Due to the overwhelming success of this lecture, the Nabb Research Center hopes to bring other Maryland Humanities Council speakers to Salisbury. Look for upcoming events in future newsletters.

Fall is always a busy but exciting time at the Nabb Research Center. In addition to the many events that have been taking place, the Center has also hosted 25 classes over the past several weeks. Students from the Proseminar in History class have been working on their biographical sketches of seventeenth and eighteenth century individuals. Using the primary sources available at the Center, these students have been able to paint a picture of what life was like for the average Somerset County resident during the colonial era. A number of U.S. history students have also been working at the Center on various projects. These students will be eligible for the Miles-Stevenson Research Prize, a $250 award that is granted each semester by the Nabb Center for excellence in undergraduate student research. The prize has been made possible by an endowment from Mrs. Marelynn W. Zipser.

In November 2002, the Conservation Center for Art and Historic Artifacts in Philadelphia is offering the workshop series, "Disaster Mitigation for Cultural Collections." Nabb Research Center archivist, Rebecca Brooks, has been awarded a stipend of $900 to attend the seminar. The workshops will assist Brooks in better identifying risks and creating a disaster plan to improve the Nabb Research Center's emergency preparedness plan.